

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Scott Schmok on 5/19/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for a Web browser to display a home page upon activation comprising the steps of:

determining, by the browser, whether there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation;

in response to determining that there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation, determining, by the browser, whether there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display, the alternate home page corresponding to an alternate home page address stored by the browser and being configured to be displayed instead of the default home page based on at least one predetermined condition, wherein said at least one predetermined condition includes determining whether a computer system hosting the default home page is on a different network with a computer system displaying the browser by comparing an Internet protocol (IP) address of the computer system hosting the default home page with an IP address of the computer system displaying the browser;

in response to determining that the at least one predetermined condition is satisfied that indicates that the default home page is inaccessible when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display, automatically retrieving, by the browser, the alternate home page address and sending a request from the browser to the alternate home page address;

in response to sending the request to the alternate home page address, receiving the alternate home page and displaying the alternate home page; and

displaying the default home page in response to ~~determining that the at least one predetermined condition is not satisfied when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display~~ determining that the computer system hosting the default home page is on a common network with the computer system displaying the browser based upon the comparison of the Internet protocol (IP) address of the computer system hosting the default home page with the IP address of the computer system displaying the browser.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein said at least one predetermined condition includes determining time and day indicated in a scheduler, located in the browser, that the alternate home page is to be displayed instead of the default home page.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2 wherein the default home page is displayed in response to determining that there is not also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on a data storage medium for displaying a home page upon a browser activation comprising:

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code means for determining, by the browser, whether there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation;

code means, in response to determining that there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation, for determining, by the browser, whether there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display, the alternate home page corresponding to an alternate home page address stored by the browser and being configured to be displayed instead of the default home page based on at least one predetermined condition, wherein said at least one predetermined condition includes determining whether a computer system hosting the default home page is on a different network with a computer system displaying the browser by comparing an Internet protocol (IP) address of the computer system hosting the default home page with an IP address of the computer system displaying the browser;

in response to determining that the at least one predetermined condition is satisfied that indicates that the default home page is inaccessible when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display, code means for automatically retrieving, by the browser, the alternate home page address and sending a request from the browser to the alternate home page address;

in response to sending the request to the alternate home page address, code means for receiving the alternate home page and code means for displaying the alternate home page; and

code means for displaying the default home page in response to ~~determining that the at least one predetermined condition is not satisfied when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display~~ determining that the computer system hosting the default home page is on a common network with the computer system displaying the browser based upon the comparison of the Internet protocol (IP) address of the computer system hosting the default home page with the IP address of the computer system displaying the browser.

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7. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of Claim 6 wherein said at least one predetermined condition includes time and day indicated in a scheduler, located in the browser, that the alternate home page is to be displayed instead of the default home page.
8. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of Claim 7 wherein the default home page is displayed in response to determining that there is not also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled).
12. (Canceled).
13. (Canceled).
14. (Canceled).
15. (Canceled).
16. (Currently Amended) A computer system for displaying a home page upon a browser activation comprising:
a storage device for storing code data; and
a processor for processing the code data in the storage device for performing steps of:

determining, at the computer system, whether there is indicated in the browser executing at the computer system a default home page to display upon activation;

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in response to determining that there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation, determining, by the browser, whether there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display, the alternate home page corresponding to an alternate home page address stored at the computer system and being configured to be displayed instead of the default home page based on at least one predetermined condition, wherein said at least one predetermined condition includes determining whether a computer system hosting the default home page is on a different network with a computer system displaying the browser by comparing an Internet protocol (IP) address of the computer system hosting the default home page with an IP address of the computer system displaying the browser;

in response to determining that the at least one predetermined condition is satisfied that indicates that the default home page is inaccessible when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display, automatically retrieving, by the browser, the alternate home page address and sending a request from the computer system to the alternate home page address;

in response to sending the request to the alternate home page address, receiving the alternate home page and display the alternate home page; and

displaying the default home page in response to ~~determining that the at least one predetermined condition is not satisfied when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display~~ determining that the computer system hosting the default home page is on a common network with the computer system displaying the browser based upon the comparison of the Internet protocol (IP) address of the computer system hosting the default home page with the IP address of the computer system displaying the browser.

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17. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17 wherein said at least one predetermined condition includes time and day indicated in a scheduler, located at the computer system, that the alternate home page is to be displayed instead of the default home page.
18. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17 wherein the default home page is displayed in response to determining that there is not also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display.
19. (Canceled)
20. (Canceled)

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regards to independent claims 1, 6, and 16, the prior art found does not specifically teach, "in response to determining that there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation, determining, by the browser, whether there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display, the alternate home page corresponding to an alternate home page address stored by the browser and being configured to be displayed instead of the default home page based on at least one predetermined condition, wherein said at least one predetermined condition includes determining whether a computer system hosting the default home page is on a different network with a computer system displaying the browser by comparing an Internet protocol (IP) address of the computer system hosting the default home page with an IP address of the computer system displaying the browser; in response to

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determining that the at least one predetermined condition is satisfied that indicates that the default home page is inaccessible when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display, automatically retrieving, by the browser, the alternate home page address and sending a request from the browser to the alternate home page address," in combination with all of the other claim limitations.

All deepened claims are allowable because of their dependence on allowable independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BORIS PESIN whose telephone number is (571)272-4070. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday except every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dennis Chow can be reached on (571)272-7767. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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